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a pattern selecting unit that selects one of said plurality of output characteristic patterns stored in the pattern storing unit; and

a drive controller that controls driving of at least the electric motor so that the power that is within a range of the selected output characteristic pattern is generated to the drive shaft.

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12. (Amended) A power output apparatus operable to generate power from at least an electric motor to a drive shaft, comprising:

a command generating unit that generates a command to drive the electric motor with a driving characteristic that exceeds a rated value of the driving characteristic of the electric motor, wherein the driving characteristic correlates between a motor speed and an output torque for supplying the power; and

a drive controller that controls driving of the electric motor, wherein the drive controller is operable, in response to the command from the command generating unit, to control driving of the electric motor with the driving characteristic that exceeds the rated value for a limited period of time.

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16. (Amended) A control method of a power output apparatus operable to generate power from at least an electric motor to a drive shaft, comprising the steps of:

selecting one from a plurality of output characteristic patterns in which the power is generated to the drive shaft, wherein an output characteristic pattern of the plurality of output characteristic patterns correlates between a motor speed and an output torque for supplying the power; and

controlling driving of at least the electric motor so that the power that is within a range of the selected output characteristic pattern is generated to the drive shaft.

17. (Amended) A control method of a power output apparatus operable to generate power from at least an electric motor to a drive shaft, comprising the steps of: